

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION

Call to Order: Chair Gordon Vance, on January 26, 2017 at 3:00 PM, in Room 405 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Gordon Vance, Chair (R)
Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Dee Brown (R)
Sen. Edward Buttrey (R)
Sen. Terry Gauthier (R)
Sen. Jen Gross (D)
Sen. Mary Moe (D)
Sen. JP Pomnichowski (D)
Sen. Roger Webb (R)
Sen. Lea Whitford (D)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Laura Sankey Keip, Legislative Branch
Tia Stockton, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 41, 1/20/2017; HB 55, 1/20/2017; HB 146, 1/20/2017; SB 134, 1/20/2017

00:00:14 Chair Vance

HEARING ON SB 134

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:19 Sen. Russel (Russ) Tempel (R), SD 14, opened the hearing on SB 134, Revise laws related to motorcycle operation.

00:02:33 Sen. Gross entered the meeting.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:05:31 Del Lonnquist, representing himself

00:11:12 Mark Carpenter, representing himself

Opponents' Testimony:

00:12:50 Rich McClane, Deputy Chief of Police, Bozeman

00:16:23 Spook Stang, executive vice president, Motor Carriers of Montana

00:17:35 Greg Van Horsen, State Farm Insurance

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:19:58 Sen. Brown
00:20:38 Sen. Tempel
00:20:55 Sen. Moe
00:21:28 Sen. Tempel
00:21:32 Sen. Moe
00:21:55 Sen. Tempel
00:22:07 Sen. Moe
00:22:22 Sen. Tempel
00:22:53 Sen. Fitzpatrick
00:23:08 Sen. Tempel
00:23:40 Sen. Fitzpatrick
00:23:55 Sen. Tempel
00:24:11 Sen. Fitzpatrick
00:24:27 Sen. Tempel
00:24:41 Sen. Pomnichowski
00:26:03 Sen. Tempel
00:26:48 Sen. Pomnichowski
00:27:38 Sen. Tempel
00:28:19 Sen. Webb
00:28:30 Sen. Tempel
00:28:55 Sen. Brown
00:29:57 Sen. Tempel
00:30:27 Sen. Gross
00:31:23 Sen. Buttrey

00:31:36 Sen. Gross
00:31:59 Sen. Tempel
00:32:03 Sen. Gross
00:32:33 Sen. Tempel
00:33:05 Chair Vance

Closing by Sponsor:

00:33:33 Sen. Tempel
00:34:28 Chair Vance

HEARING ON HB 41

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:34:42 Rep. Jim Keane (D), HD 73, opened the hearing on HB 41, Revise laws related to oversized loads to comply with federal law.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:35:52 Duane Williams, Montana Department of Transportation (MDT)
[EXHIBIT\(his19a01\)](#)

00:38:47 Sen. Buttrey
00:39:17 Spook Stang, Motor Carriers of Montana
00:39:58 Chair Vance

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:40:25 Sen. Pomnichowski
00:41:04 Mr. Williams, MDT
00:41:19 Sen. Pomnichowski
00:41:40 Mr. Williams

Closing by Sponsor:

00:42:08 Rep. Keane
00:42:50 Chair Vance
00:42:53 Sen. Buttrey
00:43:03 Chair Vance

HEARING ON HB 55

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:43:13 Rep. Denley Loge (R), HD 14, opened the hearing on HB 55, Revise department of transportation property transfer laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:46:32 Dwane Kailey, Montana Department of Transportation (MDT)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:48:59 Sen. Brown
00:49:24 Mr. Kailey, MDT
00:49:39 Sen. Brown
00:50:06 Mr. Kailey
00:50:22 Sen. Pomnichowski
00:50:43 Mr. Kailey
00:50:54 Sen. Pomnichowski
00:51:14 Mr. Kailey
00:51:25 Sen. Pomnichowski
00:51:47 Mr. Kailey
00:52:14 Sen. Gross
00:52:24 Sen. Buttrey
00:52:40 Mr. Kailey
00:52:53 Sen. Buttrey
00:53:03 Sen. Fitzpatrick
00:53:24 Mr. Kailey
00:53:46 Sen. Webb
00:54:06 Chair Vance
00:54:10 Mr. Kailey
00:54:34 Sen. Webb
00:54:48 Mr. Kailey
00:55:55 Sen. Gauthier
00:56:16 Mr. Kailey
00:57:02 Sen. Buttrey
00:57:16 Mr. Kailey

Closing by Sponsor:

00:57:37 Rep. Loge

00:59:16 Chair Vance
00:59:20 Sen. Brown
00:59:36 Chair Vance

HEARING ON HB 146

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:59:56 Rep. Daniel Zolnikov (R), HD 45, opened the hearing on HB 146, Revising temporary roadblock laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:02:52 Jason Hildenstab, Lieutenant Colonel, Montana Highway Patrol

01:03:39 Eric Bryson, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

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Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:05:15 Sen. Brown
01:05:43 Rep. Zolnikov
01:06:13 Sen. Fitzpatrick
01:06:36 Rep. Zolnikov
01:06:53 Sen. Fitzpatrick
01:07:01 Rep. Zolnikov
01:07:06 Sen. Pomnichowski
01:08:01 Mr. Bryson, MACo
01:08:42 Sen. Moe
01:10:06 Rep. Zolnikov
01:11:34 Sen. Moe
01:12:03 Rep. Zolnikov
01:12:57 Sen. Moe
01:13:22 Rep. Zolnikov
01:14:40 Sen. Moe
01:15:02 Rep. Zolnikov
01:16:16 Sen. Moe

Closing by Sponsor:

01:16:30 Rep. Zolnikov

01:18:06 Chair Vance
01:18:45 Sen. Buttrey
01:19:14 Sen. Brown
01:19:23 Chair Vance
01:19:54 Sen. Whitford
01:20:05 Chair Vance
01:20:57 Sen. Moe
01:22:48 Chair Vance

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:25 PM

Tia Stockton, Secretary

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